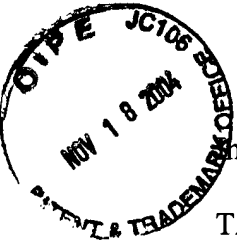


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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for taking response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2004, to November 14, 2004 (a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

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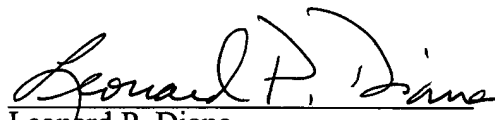
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In response to that Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Species I, on which Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-16 are readable, for initial prosecution on the merits. It is noted that Species I (Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-16) corresponds to at least the first embodiment described from pages 31-45 of the present specification, including "modifications" 1-6 described therein, and Figs. 1-28. It is of course to be understood that the claims are not limited by the details shown in the various portions of the present application referred to.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

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